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SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Request for Status was filed in the above-identified application via facsimile dated February 13, 2006. As stated in the Status Request dated February 13, 2006, a Non-Final Office Action was issued in the above-identified application dated July 5, 2005; however, the Examiner had not considered a Preliminary Amendment filed July 31, 2003, in the application. Thus, after a telephone conference with the Examiner, the undersigned attorney filed a Response, Summary of Telephonic Examiner Interview, and

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Resubmission of Preliminary Amendment via facsimile dated July 12, 2005. To date no further action has been received in this application. Please provide the undersigned with a status report as to when a further Office Action can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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